

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2009 holding the subject matter of claims 2-5, 7-13, 17, 19, 43-53, 55-70, 72 and 87-92 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 14-15, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 2-5, 7-13, 17, 19, 43-53, 55-70, 72 and 87-92 were alleged by the office action to be readable) for further substantive examination.

Applicants have amended claim 14 so that claim 14 now includes essentially only its original dependent form subject matter and so that claim 14 now depends from independent claim 7. This amendment is deemed to moot the restriction requirement and to render all pending claims encompassed by Group I.

This election is made with traverse since it appears that the search for former independent claim 1 was previously conducted and that no additional burden or hardship is imposed on the Office.

For any reason and regardless of condition, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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